

## **Remarks/Arguments**

### **Request for Reconsideration**

The Office of March 6, 2009, has carefully considered.

It is noted that Claims 13 -- 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over JP 2001090703 to Ishizaki et al.

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Ishizaki et al. in view of the patent to Emanie et al.

Finally, it is noted that Claims 25 – 36 are allowed.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of Claims 13 – 24, applicant has cancelled these claims so that only allowed Claims 25 – 36 remain in the application.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

### **Fees**

No fees are believed to be due. However, if any fee is determined to be due, authorization is hereby given to charge the fee to deposit account #02-2275. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The fee associated therewith is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted

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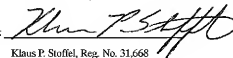
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